



**THE COUNCIL
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Councillor, District 14

**Councilor Marilyn Pfisterer to join others in support of Homeless Women
Friday January 22.**

On the roof of Charlie Brown's restaurant at 1038 N. Main in Speedway.

Councilor Pfisterer and other local officials will join Carol Wellman, Executive Director of "My Sister's Place," to bring focus to and raise money for My Sister's Place. Councilor Pfisterer will spend time Friday afternoon on the roof with other supporters in this worthwhile effort.

As the Indianapolis area endures freezing temperatures, there are many who have no refuge from the cold. To remind others that poverty and homelessness are ever present, "My Sister's Place" will camp outside on the roof of Charlie Brown's Pancake and Steak House in Speedway on Friday, January 22 from 10:00 a.m. until Sunday, January 24. The nonprofit organization hopes to raise funds and enlighten the community about the plight of women who have nowhere to go and no one to turn to.

In Indianapolis, as many as 2,200 people are homeless on any given night. Women who become displaced often turn to a life of crime or addiction. Some end up dead. Where can they go? What can they do? How can we make a positive impact in their lives?

"My Sister's Place" does just that. It provides women with shelter, support, encouragement, and the resources to help women re-establish themselves in the community and rebuild their lives. Carol Wellman, Executive Director, states: "Not only am I a social worker, but as a former homeless person, I know all too well what it feels like to not have a place to lay my head at night; to wonder whether I am going to live to see another day, or if there is anyone out there that cares. Homeless people are so used to having a door shut in their face by everyone-- including family. "My Sister's Place" changes that for a lot of women. Our door is always open to them."

Poverty and homelessness never take a holiday, even in the winter when it is bitter cold. The directors of "My Sister's Place" will experience that first-hand when they pitch their tent on the roof of Charlie Brown's Pancake and Steak House, which is located at 1038 Main St. in Speedway.

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